BOOKLIST'S TOP AUDIO BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 2021

CEMETERY BOYS

Aiden Thomas Narrated by: Avi Roque DB 101679

Yadriel, who is transgender, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

CLAP WHEN YOU LAND

Elizabeth Acevedo

Narrated by: Melania-Luisa Marte and Elizabeth Acevedo

DB 99823

A novel in verse. Teens Camino Rios, of the Dominican Republic, and Yahaira Rios, of New York City, are devastated to learn of their father's death in a plane crash and stunned to learn of each other's existence. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers, 2020.

A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER

Holly Jackson Full Cast Narration DB 98616

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2019.

KENT STATE

Deborah Wiles Full Cast Narration DB 99884

A novel in verse. Chaos erupts when a student protest at Kent State University turns into a bloody battlefield on May 4, 1970. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

LEGENDBORN

Tracy Deonn
Narrated by: Joniece Abbott-Pratt
DB 100993

After witnessing a magical attack, Bree infiltrates Legendborn, a secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights. She suspects the group is somehow connected to her mother's death. Strong language and some violence. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

RAYBEARER

Jordan Ifueko Narrated by: Joniece Abbott-Pratt DB 100566

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of Eleven. But her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

STAMPED: RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU

Written and Narrated by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi DB 98926

National Ambassador for Young People's Literature adapts Ibram X. Kendi's award-winning book Stamped from the Beginning (DB 89293). Reynolds discusses how racist ideas started and were spread, and how they can be discredited. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

WE ARE NOT FREE

Traci Chee

Narrated by: Carol Jacobanis (NLS recorded; not full cast like commercial audio)

DB 1010256

Three months after the attack at Pearl Harbor, fourteen-year-old Minoru Ito and her Japanese-American community live in a new nightmarish world. And now things are about to get worse as they are forced into internment camps. Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED

Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed Full Cast Narration DB 99879

Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, live in a refugee camp in Kenya. When an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.